

## **Senate Bill No. 1577**

### **CHAPTER 402**

An act to amend Section 35178.4 of the Education Code, relating to schools.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

**SB 1577, Romero. Schools: accreditation.**

(1) Existing law requires a school district governing board to give official notice at a regularly scheduled school board meeting if a public school within the district that has elected to be accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) or any other chartered accrediting agency loses its accreditation status. Existing law requires a school district, if a school loses its accreditation status, to notify each parent or guardian of the pupils in the school that the school has lost its accreditation status, in writing, and requires this notice to indicate the potential consequences of the school's loss of accreditation status.

This bill would require this notice to also be posted on the school district's Internet Web site and the school's Internet Web site, if any.

The bill would require a school district that has within its jurisdiction a school that has elected to be accredited by WASC or any other chartered accrediting agency to require that school to publish all results of any inspection of the school by the accrediting agency not later than 60 days after the results are made available to the school. The bill would require publication to be either by notifying each parent or guardian in writing or by posting the information on the school district's Internet Web site or the school's Internet Web site, or by any combination of these methods, as determined by the school district.

Because these requirements would impose additional duties upon school districts and schools, the bill would establish a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 35178.4 of the Education Code is amended to read:

35178.4. (a) A school district governing board shall give official notice at a regularly scheduled school board meeting if a public school within the district that has elected to be accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) or any other chartered accrediting agency loses its accreditation status.

(b) If a school loses its accreditation status, the school district shall notify each parent or guardian of the pupils in the school that the school has lost its accreditation status, in writing, and this notice shall indicate the potential consequences of the school's loss of accreditation status. This notice shall also be posted on the school district's Internet Web site and the school's Internet Web site, if any.

(c) A school district that has within its jurisdiction a school that has elected to be accredited by WASC or any other chartered accrediting agency shall require that school to publish all results of any inspection of the school by the accrediting agency not later than 60 days after the results are made available to the school. Publication shall be either by notifying each parent or guardian in writing or by posting the information on the school district's Internet Web site or the school's Internet Web site, or by any combination of these methods, as determined by the school district.

SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.